

# Legislative Reference Service

WEEK ENDING 2-1-02

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## CODE ENFORCEMENT

**S-2096 ELECTRICIANS** (Badeau) This act would prohibit hoisting engineers from installing electrical wiring or making service connections of any electrical wires or cables, but allows for the excavation and installation of underground conduits, and provides for issuance of building permits for said installation. Labor

**S-2135 CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTION SYSTEMS** (Celona & Others) This act would require that carbon monoxide detectors be installed in all newly constructed or converted residential dwellings. Corporations

**S-2198 LIEN FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS** (McCaffrey & Others) This act would limit to 6 years the lien created on property for the costs incurred by building officials that make emergency repairs on unsafe buildings. Judiciary

## EDUCATION AND SCHOOLS

**H-6615 SCHOOL SECURITY** (Corvese & Others) This resolution creates an 11-member special house commission whose purpose it shall be to study the issue of school security, and who shall report back to the House of Representatives no later than January 8, 2003, and whose life shall expire on March 8, 2003. H.E.W.

**H-6668 TARGETED SCHOOL AID** (Corvese & Others) This act would change the district requirements for eligibility for targeted school aid. Finance

**H-6669 DRIVER EDUCATION** (Gallison & Others) This act would require that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education accept only in-state courses on driver education offered to minors. Highway Safety

**H-6758 PUBLIC NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL EMPOWERMENT** (Giannini & Others) This act requires local public schools to accept all local children living within that school's radius. H.E.W.

**H-6773 PRIVATE SCHOOLS** (Picard) This act would permit students who attend a private school to participate as a member of a public school team if their private school does not field a team in that sport. H.E.W.

**H-6824 STUDENT EQUITY INVESTMENT FUND** (W. H. Murphy & Others) This act would allocate money from the student equity investment fund based on each district's proportion of resident children eligible for USDA reimbursable school meals relative to the total number of eligible students statewide. Finance

**H-6876 SCHOOL DIVERSITY OFFICER** (Cicilline) This act would provide for a diversity officer in each school of the state. H.E.W.

**H-6880 MOTOR VEHICLES** (Tejada & Others) This act would require that all 16 to 18 year old children who apply for a driver's license, and those students eligible for driver education programs, have a minimum 80% attendance record at their respective school or be a full-time employee or participant in a voluntary work program in order to be eligible for the application. Highway Safety

**H-6904 FELONY CONVICTIONS** (Kilmartin) This act would require that school superintendents receive notification of any student who has been convicted of a felony. Judiciary

**H-6924 CELL PHONES** (Kilmartin) This act would provide that all use of cellular phones by a school bus driver would be prohibited, except in the case of an emergency. Corporations

**H-6926 SEAT BELTS** (McNamara & Others) This act would require vehicles used by schools, camps, day nurseries or day care centers to be equipped with seat belts. H.E.W.

**H-6927 CHRONICALLY DISRUPTIVE STUDENTS** (Kilmartin) This act would give the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education the authority to require parents of chronically disruptive students to attend conferences. H.E.W.

**H-6938 LITERACY PROGRAMS** (Abdullah-Odiase & Shavers) This act would provide that family literacy programs may be provided as part of the literacy program, to assist caregivers in fostering literacy in their children. H.E.W.

**H-6972      KINDERGARTEN INVESTMENT FUND** (Menard & Others) This act would increase the appropriation to the full day Kindergarten Investment Fund. Finance

**H-6977      REGIONAL CENTER COLLABORATIVE** (Menard & Others) This act would include any construction done by the Northern Rhode Island Collaborative after January 1, 2002, in the PILOT Program. Finance

**S-2100      SINGLE PARENT INVESTMENT FUND** (Igliazzi & Others) This act would provide students from single-family homes with additional educational services. Finance

**S-2107      TRUANCY** (Igliazzi & Others) This act would establish an elementary and secondary education truancy investment fund in order to enable school districts to improve attendance rates. Finance

**S-2108      COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE** (Cote & Others) This act would require children between 16 and 18 years of age to obtain permission from a custodial parent or guardian in order to be exempt from mandatory school attendance. H.E.W.

**S-2118      TARGETED SCHOOL AID** (Igliazzi & Others) This act would remove the requirement that school districts have a free and reduced lunch count in grades K-3 greater than 40% in order to receive targeted school aid. Finance

**S-2120      NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL PLANS** (Igliazzi & Others) This act would allow all city/town councils to pass an ordinance that would require school districts to develop and implement a neighborhood school plan. H.E.W.

**S-2142      CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS** (Alves & Others) This act would require that funding for charter public schools be approved by the voters of each local district at either a regularly scheduled financial town meeting or budget meeting. Finance

**S-2164      CELL PHONES** (Cicilline & Others) This act would provide that all use of cellular phones by a school bus driver shall be prohibited, except in the case of an emergency. Judiciary

**S-2172      DRIVER EDUCATION** (Damiani & Polisena) This act would set forth the curriculum requirements a driver education course must meet in order for the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education to determine whether or not that course is equivalent or similar to that required in R.I.G.L., Section 31-10-19. H.E.W.

**S-2193      SCHOOL-TO-CAREER PROGRAM** (Tassoni & Others) This act would provide a tax credit of ten 10% of the expenses, up to \$200, to private businesses which participate in a "Qualified School-to-Career Program". Finance

**S-2231 TEXTBOOKS** (Walaska & Others) This act would provide for the loan of textbooks to all students in grades K-12. Finance

## **ELECTIONS**

**H-6641 ELECTION OFFICIALS** (Palumbo & Others) This act would allow any person who is an officer or employee of the United States, this state, or any city/town of this state to serve as an election official. Special Legislation

**H-6642 VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS** (Shanley & Others) This act would provide that the chief election official of each city/town may reduce the number of supervisors at the polling places under his/her jurisdiction. Special Legislation

**H-6643 TIME OF CLOSING OF POLLS** (Shanley & Others) This act would set the statewide poll closing time as 8:00 p.m. Special Legislation

**S-2009 POLL WORKERS** (Blais & Breene) This act would allow city/town employees to work as election poll workers. Judiciary

**S-2030 INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM** (Cote & Others) This act would provide a detailed process by which a proponent of a voter initiative and referendum proposal would present the proposal to the Secretary of State, the General Assembly and the Governor. Special Legislation

**S-2125 REGISTRATION OF VOTERS** (Damiani & Others) This act would require local boards of canvassers to provide state and local elected officials with periodic updated voter registration lists upon their request. Judiciary

**S-2213 CHANGE OF DESIGNATION** (Raptakis & Others) This act would reduce the waiting period required for disaffiliation from a political party from 90 days to 30 days. Judiciary

**S-2220 RECOUNT PROCEDURE** (Graziano & Others) This act would mandate that a manual count of ballots cast be completed when a candidate trails by less than 3%. Judiciary

## **ENVIRONMENT**

**H-6632 ENERGY FACILITY SITING** (Lowe & Long) This act would increase the amount a city/town may require a utility company to pay for environment, community and

public safety studies related to a hearing on an application for a proposed construction project. Corporations

**H-6760 ESTUARINE AND COASTAL HABITAT RESOURCES** (W. H. Murphy & Others) This act would establish an interagency coastal and estuarine habitat restoration program. Environment & Energy

**H-6789 WATER QUALITY STANDARDS FOR PRIVATE WELLS** (Bierman & Others) This act would provide disclosure standards for dwellings serviced by well water. Environment & Energy

**S-2063 MUNICIPAL TIPPING FEES** (Polisena & Others) This act would require the Resource Recovery Corporation to charge an additional \$3.00 tipping fee for each municipal vehicle, and to pay this fee to the Town of Johnston on a biannual basis. Corporations

**S-2151 WATER QUALITY STANDARDS FOR PRIVATE WELLS** (Blais & Others) This act would provide disclosure standards for dwellings serviced by well water. Environment & Energy

### **FINANCE AND TAXATION**

**H-6629 STATE PROPERTY** (Sherlock & Others) This act would provide the City of Warwick with increased revenues from sales taxes and rental car surcharges collected in connection with the Warwick Station project; and amends 44-4-4.1 of the General Laws dealing with state property taxed to lessee or tenant. Corporations

**H-6689 SCHOOL AID** (Corvese) This act would require the state to provide aid on a graduated basis to the several cities and towns for the cost of education. Finance

**H-6729 SALES TAX – SCHOOL AID** (Benson & Others) This act would return 3% of the sales and use tax collected to each city/town from which the tax originated. The 3% tax returned shall be used for educational purposes only. Finance

**H-6730 PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARDS** (Bierman & Others) This act would authorize payment of taxes and fees owed to state or local governments by means of credit card. Finance

**H-6737 STATE PROPERTY TAXED TO LESSEE OR TENANT** (McNamara & Others) This act would provide that state-owned real estate which is leased to a private individual or company would not be exempt from taxation by the municipality in which the real estate is located, including property-owned by public and quasi-public corporations. Corporations

**H-6738 STATE AIRPORTS** (McNamara & Others) This act would permit cities and towns to assess taxes similar to real estate taxes against license and concession holders at state airports. Corporations

**H-6741 NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS** (Giannini) This act would permit municipalities to collect payments and/or services in lieu of taxes from certain non-profit organizations. Corporations

**H-6752 SCHOOL HOUSING AID** (Menard & Others) This act would increase state aid for new construction/expansion for school districts that experience at least 4% increase in enrollment for 3 consecutive years. Finance

**H-6777 MAXIMUM AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS** (Corvese) This act would increase the maximum aggregate indebtedness a city/town may incur from 3% to 3 ½% of the taxable property of the city/town. Corporations

**H-6779 VETERANS** (Iwuc & Others) This act would extend veterans' benefits to all veterans with an honorable discharge. Finance

**H-6864 PAYMENT IN LIEU** (Cicilline) This act would increase state aid in lieu of property tax from certain private and state exempt properties to 40%. Finance

**H-6871 RETAILER'S AND WHOLESALE'S INVENTORY** (Cicilline) This act would exempt retailer's and wholesaler's inventory from local taxation. Corporations

**H-6889 FORM REQUIRED FOR TAX EXEMPTIONS** (Pisaturo) This act would require annual written certification from any business claiming a property tax exemption pursuant to Rhode Island General Law. Finance

**H-6891 VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINAL** (Barr & Others) This act would increase the host community share of the allocation of net terminal income derived from video lottery games from 1% to 3%. Finance

**H-6892 VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS** (S. Anderson & Others) This act would permit players of video lottery terminals in the state to collect their winnings in coins and cash tokens in addition to credits. This act would also provide for a division and distribution of revenue in the amount of forty million dollars (\$40,000,000), one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to each city/town for educational purposes. Finance

**S-2011 PAYMENT IN LIEU** (Cicilline & Others) This act would increase the PILOT Program reimbursement to the cities/towns over the next 5 years. Finance

**S-2036 VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINAL** (Hunter & Others) This act would increase the host community share of the allocation of net terminal income derived from video lottery games from 1% to 3%. Finance

**S-2038 SCHOOL HOUSING AID** (Hunter & Others) This act would increase state aid for new construction/expansion for school districts that experience at least 4% increase in enrollment for 3 consecutive years. Finance

**S-2046 STATE PROPERTY** (Revens & Others) This act would increase minimum compensation to the City of Warwick to \$750,000 as collected from parking revenues at T.F. Green State Airport. This act would also authorize the Rhode Island Airport Corporation to impose charges on customers of rental companies to provide revenue for the construction of Warwick Station. This act would also provide that improvements made by a tenant of state property leased for purposes necessary to the operation of an airport would be taxable to the tenant. Finance

**S-2055 STATE AID TO VOCATIONAL EDUCATION** (Fogarty & Others) This act would require the state to annually pay for the tuition and related costs for students attending a state elementary or secondary vocational education school. The payments would be made directly to the respective schools. Finance

**S-2056 SCHOOL AID** (Fogarty & Others) This act would provide for an annual minimum 5% increase in state aid to education. Finance

**S-2073 SUPERFUND TAX RELIEF ACT** (Celona & Others) This act would establish the Rhode Island Superfund Tax Relief Act to provide tax relief to property owners within a federally designated superfund site, and makes an appropriation of \$100,000 for this purpose. Finance

**S-2074 SCHOOL AID** (Walsh & Others) This act would provide for an annual minimum 5% increase in state aid commencing in fiscal year 2003. Finance

**S-2081 STATE AID TO VOCATIONAL EDUCATION** (Walsh & Others) This act would require the state to annually pay for the tuition and related costs for students attending a state elementary or secondary vocational education school. The payments would be made directly to the respective schools. Finance

**S-2092 PERSONS VISUALLY IMPAIRED** (Igliozi & Others) This act would expand the local property tax exemption presently afforded to visually impaired persons with the amount of the exemption equal to the percentage of the visual impairment. Finance

**S-2102 STATE AID TO LIBRARIES** (Igliozi & Others) This act would provide \$5,000,000 in one-time funding to public libraries for library programs, asset protection or repairs. Finance

**S-2104      DISABLED PERSONS** (Igliozzi & Others) This act would expand the local property tax exemption presently afforded to totally disabled persons to persons who are partially disabled, with the amount of the exemption equal to the percentage of the disability. Corporations

**S-2117      SCHOOL AID** (Walaska & Others) This act would set a deadline for the appropriation of state aid to education for the various cities and towns. Finance

**S-2139      HOTEL TAX** (Paiva-Weed & Others) This act would amend the distribution of the hotel tax by increasing the amount given to cities and towns to 35% by reducing the amount given to the Greater Providence-Warwick Convention and Visitors' Bureau to 11%. Finance

**S-2201      AUDITOR GENERAL** (Montalbano & Others) This act would reduce from 60 days to not more than 30 days the time in which an official has to reply to the Auditor General after being informed of the Auditor General's draft report, and would authorize the Auditor General to order progress reports with regard to audit recommendations. Finance

**S-2227      FARM, FOREST AND OPEN SPACE** (Sosnowski & Others) This act would permit all cities/towns to exempt farmland from taxation. Corporations

### **LABOR RELATIONS**

**H-6611      SCHOOL TEACHER DISPUTES** (S. Anderson) This act would require the bargaining agent for teachers, non-teacher employees and a school committee to submit their last best offer as to salary to arbitration, and would require the selection of one offer or the other, which choice and decision would be binding on the parties. Labor

**H-6685      TEACHERS' ARBITRATION** (Sullivan & Others) This act would establish the teachers' and public school employees' arbitration act. Judiciary

**H-6818      FIREFIGHTERS' ARBITRATION** (Lanzi & Others) This act would require that the rights or benefits conferred on employees by an expiring collective bargaining agreement would continue until a new agreement is ratified. Labor

**H-6931      SCHOOLTEACHER DISPUTES** (Crowley & Others) This act would provide that a finding of irreparable injury or harm would not be necessary to support the issuance of an injunction during a teachers' strike. Labor

**H-6982      UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICES** (Lanzi & Others) This act would expand the ability of the Labor Relations Board to prevent unfair labor practices by not allowing that power to be curtailed by contract. Labor



**S-2043 POLICE AND FIRE SERVICES** (Tassoni & Others) This act would allow municipalities to seek reimbursement for providing police and/or fire services during labor disputes from all persons, corporations, and labor unions associated with the dispute. Labor

### **LIQUOR CONTROL AND LICENSES**

**H-6678 CLASS A LICENSE** (Lanzi & Bierman) This act would allow the sale of prepackaged hot stuffed cherry peppers by Class A licensed retailers at liquor stores. Special Legislation

**H-6716 RETAIL LICENSES** (Carter) This act would repeal Rhode Island General Law 3-7-18 in its entirety, and allow any licensed wholesaler of alcoholic beverages to sell said beverages to any licensed retailer. Special Legislation

**H-6870 CLASS B LICENSES** (Vieira & Others) This act would grant discretion to municipalities to restrict or prohibit entertainment at establishments with Class B licenses. Special Legislation

**H-6965 CLASS A LICENSE** (Flaherty & Others) This act would allow holders of Class A licenses to offer one ounce servings of wine or malt beverages for promotional purposes only. Corporations

### **PLANNING AND ZONING**

**H-6976 ZONING ORDINANCES** (Menard & Others) This act would amend the definition of "Family Day Care Home" and provide a definition for "Family Group Day Care Home" as they pertain to municipal zoning ordinances. Corporations

**S-2188 MARINE TERMINALS** (Felag & Others) This act would require an agency that acquires a marine terminal for public use to first provide an alternative marine terminal of equal size and depth. Corporations

### **PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE AND FIRE**

**H-6614 TRANSPORTATION OF FIREWORKS** (Gallison & Others) This act would create regulations for the transportation of fireworks and/or pyrotechnics. Environment & Energy

**H-6635 STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY** (Palumbo & Others) This act would require the Director of the Department of Corrections to conduct a public hearing, and submit an economic impact analysis prior to any change of a security classification or discontinuance of a security perimeter tower. Finance

**H-6638 POLICE ANIMALS** (Vieira & Palumbo) This act would amend and expand the provisions pertaining to cruelty to police animals. Judiciary

**H-6660 WEAPONS** (Sullivan & Palumbo) This act would make it possible to transport pistols or revolvers within the state as long as the ammunition is transported in a different location within the vehicle not readily accessible from the passenger compartment. Judiciary

**H-6664 NFPA 1500** (Palumbo) This act would impose a fine for failure to comply with the requirement that fire departments implement NFPA 1500. Corporations

**H-6698 DISPOSITION OF JUVENILE RECORDS** (Carter & Others) This act would require juvenile records of juveniles adjudicated delinquent of a serious violent felony to be made available to state, education, and law enforcement authorities. Judiciary

**H-6714 F.O.P. PLATES** (S. Brien & Carter) This act would authorize the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to issue special plates to active members and retired full-time police and law enforcement officers who are members of the state Fraternal Order of Police. Special Legislation

**H-6764 PROHIBITION OF SIRENS AND LIGHTS** (Menard & Others) This act would prohibit all emergency medical transportation services, except for municipal ambulances, from using emergency sirens and lights unless under emergency conditions. H.E.W.

**H-6766 NOISE LIMITS** (Giannini & Others) This act would prohibit motor vehicle sound systems which produce excessive noise, and declares over-powered motor vehicle sound systems to be a public nuisance, subject to regulations. H.E.W.

**H-6774 JUVENILE RECORDS** (Picard) This act would provide that the identity of any juvenile between the ages of 15 and 18 who has been found delinquent because of certain offenses on two or more occasions shall be made public. Judiciary

**H-6778 UNIFORM EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM** (Shanley & Others) This act would classify different references to the E-9-1-1 Uniform Emergency Telephone System, and would clarify the inclusion of the municipalities under the group of cooperating public agencies. Corporations

**H-6806      MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS** (Sullivan & Others) This act would allow cities/towns to enter into agreements with law enforcement agencies, including those in contiguous states, to provide mutual aid programs for police departments. Corporations

**H-6808      FIREWORKS** (Gallison & Others) This act would create regulations for the transportation of fireworks and/or pyrotechnics. Highway Safety

**H-6831      NFPA 1500** (Lanzi & Others) This act would impose a fine for failure to comply with the requirement that fire departments implement NFPA 1500. Corporations

**H-6849      CAMPUS POLICE** (Sullivan & Others) This act would allow appointed campus police officers to carry weapons while on duty as well as execute arrest warrants and search warrants in the course of their official duties. Judiciary

**H-6866      WEAPONS** (Cicilline) This act would create a "Firearm Injury Statistics Task Force" to help collect, analyze and evaluate firearm injuries. Judiciary

**H-6874      CRIMINAL RECORDS REVIEW** (T. Brien & Others) This act would require a national criminal identification check of all applicants for employment with nursing facilities or home care providers. H.E.W.

**H-6906      COLLISION WITH DWELLING OR BUILDING** (Sullivan & Others) This act would require operators of a motor vehicle who are involved in a collision with an occupied dwelling or building, where damage results therefrom, to give notice to the owner of the building or dwelling, and to file a report to the local police or state police. Judiciary

**H-6922      MOBILE TELEPHONES** (Kilmartin) This act would make unlawful the use of mobile telephones which are not hands-free while driving. Corporations

**S-2026      LAW ENFORCEMENT CANDIDATES** (Cicilline & Others) This act would require peace officers and employees of private security businesses to take standardized psychological tests prior to being appointed state law enforcement officers. Judiciary

**S-2034      FIREFIGHTERS** (Tassoni & Others) This act would increase deceased firefighters annuities. Finance

**S-2080      PAYMENTS TO FIRE COMPANIES** (Walsh & Others) The act would provide reimbursement from the state for volunteer fire companies that respond to emergencies which occur on a limited access highway. Finance

**S-2085      UNIFORM EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM** (Polisena & Damiani) This act would classify different references to the E-9-1-1 Uniform Emergency Telephone System, and would clarify the inclusion of the municipalities under the group of cooperating public agencies. Corporations

**S-2136 DEFIBRILLATORS** (Polisena & Others) This act would mandate that the Department of Health purchase and distribute automated external defibrillators to municipally operated senior citizen centers, and to provide training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillator use. Finance

**S-2137 FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS – DEATH BENEFIT** (Polisena & Others) This act would provide for a payment of one time \$100,000 benefit to the family of an active or retired firefighter, police officer, correctional officer, and certain other persons who are killed or die from injuries sustained in the line of duty. Finance

**S-2141 FIRE SAFETY CODE BOARD OF APPEAL AND REVIEW** (Hunter – By Request) This act would provide for compensation for the members of the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review. Finance

**S-2163 WEAPONS** (Damiani & Others) This act would provide for the reissuance of a license or permit to carry a concealed weapon to a person whose license or permit has lapsed. Judiciary

**S-2168 MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS** (Damiani & Others) This act would allow cities and towns to enter into agreements with law enforcement agencies, including those in contiguous states, to provide mutual aid programs for police departments. Corporations

**S-2173 COMMISSION ON STANDARDS AND TRAINING** (Enos & Others) This act would require the Commission on Standards and Training to publish mandatory training standards for police officers dealing with individuals who may pose a danger to themselves or others due to mental illness. Corporations

**S-2192 FIRE SAFETY STANDARDS FOR CIGARETTES** (Polisena & Others) This act would establish fire safety standards for cigarettes. H.E.W.

**S-2204 MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES** (Walaska & Donelan) This act would require blood testing, when requested by law enforcement personnel, of an individual who was the driver of a motor vehicle which was involved in an accident resulting in injury or death. Judiciary

## **RETIREMENT**

**H-6634 POST RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT** (Sherlock & Others) This act would provide that any member who has retired under the provisions of Titles 36 or 45 may be employed or reemployed by a municipality which does not participate in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System. This act would further provide that any member who has retired under the provisions of Title 16 may be employed or reemployed by any municipality

for no more than 75 working days or 150 half-days with half-pay in a calendar year without forfeiture or reduction of retirement benefits. Finance

**H-6651 ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY** (Faria) This act would extend the time period for filing an application for an accidental disability retirement allowance for teachers' retirement system members, and municipal employees. Labor

**H-6768 ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY** (Faria) This act would extend the time period for filing an application for an accidental disability retirement allowance for teachers' retirement system members, and municipal employees. Labor

**H-6810 SERVICE RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE** (Maher & Others) This act would allow members of the retirement system to cease making contributions after 35 years of service. Members electing this option would have their retirement allowance based on their service prior to ceasing contributions. Finance

**H-6830 OPTIONAL RETIREMENT FOR POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS** (Lanzi & Others) This act would include all regular and permanent rescue service personnel of any city, town or fire district within the framework of the optional retirement system that is presently limited to police officers and firefighters. Corporations

**H-6853 GOVERNMENT INTEGRITY ACT** (Cicilline) This act would create a civil penalty for accepting prohibited campaign contributions, more specifically defines "campaign expenditure", makes corrections to the Rhode Island Public Employee Pension Revocation and Reduction Act, and adds city/town retirement ordinances to those covered by the Act. Judiciary

**S-2035 ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY** (Tassoni & Others) This act would change the application process for disability benefits for police and fire personnel. Finance

**S-2047 POST RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT** (Revens & Others) This act would add mayors, town administrators, and members of part-time municipal boards or commissions to those elected officials exempt from suspension of retirement benefits during time of employment or re-employment. This act would also provide that any member who retired under the provisions of Title 16 may be employed by any municipality within the state for not more than seventy-five (75) working days or one hundred fifty (150) half days without forfeiture or reduction of retirement benefits. Finance

**S-2157 ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY** (Tassoni & Others) This act would extend the time period for filing an application for an accidental disability retirement allowance for teachers' retirement system members and municipal employees. Finance

## **TOWN AND CITY CLERKS**

**H-6616 INHERITANCE TAX** (Mumford & Others) This act would repeal the inheritance tax. Finance

**H-6639 PROBATE RULES OF DESCENT** (Voccola & Others) This act would permit an estate representative to seek permission to distribute the assets of a decedent to the known heirs at law of the decedent, in certain circumstances, notwithstanding that the representative could not conclusively determine the lack of any other heirs at law. Judiciary

**H-6956 ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS** (Dennigan & Others) This act would amend the definitions and clarify the provisions of the open records and open meetings laws. This act would also increase the fines for violating the open meetings law. Finance

**S-2025 DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY** (Cicilline) This act would establish a durable health care power of attorney for individuals under guardianship. Judiciary

**S-2196 LEVY AND SALE ON EXECUTIONS** (Montalbano & Others) This act would lower the expiration date from 20 to 6 years for court judgment executions recorded on real estate. Judiciary

**S-2219 RECORDING OF INSTRUMENTS** (Graziano & Others) This act would require the town clerk or recorder of deeds to notify property owners, by certified mail, that a lien has been placed on their property. Judiciary

**S-2242 GUARDIANS** (Roney) This act would eliminate the requirement that the probate court appoint a guardian for a person in every instance if his/her interest is represented by a person with a substantially similar interest. Judiciary

**S-2243 GUARDIAN AD LITEM** (Roney) This act would eliminate the requirement that a probate court appoint a guardian ad litem in all instances when an interested person requests such an appointment, leaving such appointments to the discretion of the probate court. Judiciary

**S-2244 PROBATE – DISALLOWANCE OF CLAIM** (McBurney & Roney) This act would permit an estate representative to deny a claim filed against an estate in whole or in part. Judiciary

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

**H-6605      DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES** (S. Anderson & Montanaro) This act would provide that impact fees not be imposed on low and moderate income housing. Corporations

**H-6617      RENAISSANCE DEVELOPMENT ZONES** (S. Anderson) This act would establish Renaissance Development Zones. Finance

**H-6670      GAMBLING AND LOTTERIES** (Fleury & Others) This act would prohibit casino gambling in certain locations. Finance

**H-6739      AIRPORTS** (McNamara & Others) This act would require the approval of city/town councils prior to any airport expansion as to any airports subject to the authority of the airport corporation. This act would take effect upon passage, and would apply to any proposed plan filed with a city/town hall after the effective date of this section. Corporations

**H-6753      CONDOMINIUM OWNERSHIP** (Menard & Others) This act would require municipalities to provide those services to condominiums which they provide to single-family residences or in the alternative to reimburse condominiums the cost of said services. Finance

**H-6771      FALSE PERSONATION** (Aiken & Others) This act would repeal a section of the law that fines a person who impersonates a town sealer, auctioneer, corder of wood, or a fence-viewer. Judiciary

**H-6834      VENDING MACHINES** (Crowley & Others) This act would allow towns and cities to regulate placement of newspaper and magazine vending machines. Corporations

**H-6898      DESECRATION OF GRAVES** (Barr & Coderre) This act would make acts of vandalism to cemeteries and graveyards a felony punishable by up to 5 years imprisonment and a minimum fine of \$10,000, or both. This act would provide that fines be applied to repair the act of vandalism, with any surplus to be applied to acts of vandalism within the same cemetery, and then to other cemeteries within the same municipality as the original offense. Judiciary

**H-6913      MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES IN FEDERAL SERVICE** (Lanzi & Others) This act would require cities/towns to continue to pay employees who enter military service, and continue to provide medical benefits. An offset would be allowed the city/town for military service pay received by the employee. Corporations

**H-6975 LEAD PAINT ABATEMENT** (Barr & Trillo) This act would create a state lead paint abatement program, to be funded with an initial appropriation of \$5,000,000, for the purpose of enabling property owners to apply for funds necessary for interior and exterior removal of lead paint. Finance

**H-6993 SIDEWALKS** (Knickle) This act would make the state, not a city/town, liable for damages from injuries suffered due to neglect or defect by reason of any sidewalk or curbing within a city/town upon a state highway. Judiciary

**H-6994 TOWN HIGHWAYS** (Knickle & Lewiss) This act would require the state to construct and maintain sidewalks on state highways, causeways, and bridges. It would also provide that municipalities may notify the state of a need for services, and should the state not comply, the municipality may make repairs and bill the state; and this act would make the state liable for damages from injuries suffered due to neglect or defect by reason of any sidewalk or curbing within a town upon a state highway. Corporations

**S-2010 GAMBLING ACTIVITIES** (Cicilline & Others) This act would require a gambling promoter to file a financial disclosure statement with the Attorney General and the Secretary of State, and increase the number of days within which a town/city council may place a resolution on the ballot from 150 days to 210 days. Special Legislation

**S-2037 MOTOR FUEL TAX** (Hunter & Others) This act would provide that one cent (\$.01) per gallon of the motor fuel tax be used to finance the maintenance and reconstruction of sidewalks and curbing along state roads and highways. Finance

**S-2040 ADVERSE POSSESSION** (Hunter & Others) This act would require that any one who files an adverse possession lawsuit notify the municipality where the property is located. Judiciary

**S-2130 PLAYGROUNDS** (Blais) This act would provide grants to cities and towns for projects undertaken specifically to comply with the Department of Education's and the Department of Health's Joint Health and Environment Recreation Facility safety regulations and/or to provide access for people with disabilities. Finance

**S-2212 CODE OF ETHICS** (Paiva-Weed & Others) This act would require the Rhode Island Ethics Commission to mail one copy of the financial statement form to individuals required to file. Judiciary